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CRIME & VIOLENCE

1/7 - WJLA - 5PM (1:00)

THERE'S THE CONSTUTIONAL PROTECTION AGAINST SO-CALLED "DOUBLE JEOPARDY." THAT PREVENTS PROSECUTORS FROM CHARGING A PERSON TWICE FOR THE SAME CRIME. THAT MISTAKE COST A HIGH-PROFILE DUI CASE THREE DECADES AGO AND PROSECUTORS SAY THEY WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE. IT COULD TAKE WEEKS OR MONTHS TO GATHER ALL THE EVIDENCE IN THE DECEMBER 30TH CRASH ON INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY. FIVE-YEAR-OLD TWINS ALEXANDER AND ROSALIE MEJIA AND 1 YEAR OLD ISAAC MEJIA WERE KILLED.

POLICE SAY A 27-YEAR-OLD MAN HIT THEM WHEN HIS TRUCK DIDN'T STOP AND POLICE SUSPECT HE WAS DRUNK. IN 1988 A DUI CRASH CASE ENDED WHEN A MAN WAS ABLE TO PAY A D-U-I FINE WITHOUT FACING A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE. THE CASE GIANINY VS STATE OF MARYLAND ALLOWED THE DEFENDENT TO "WALK" BECAUSE THE STATE PROSECUTED HIM TOO EARLY. THERE'S NO SIMILAR PRECEDENT SETTING CASE IN VIRGINIA - SO IN CONTRAST - SOME DUI CASES ARE PROSECUTED WITHIN DAYS.

1/15 - WJLA - 4:30AM (:36)

TEMPERATURES BELOW FREEZING THIS MORNING INCLUDING IN ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND. AND POLICE SAY THAT COLD MADE IT VERY EASY FOR SEVERAL PEOPLE TO GET THEIR CARS STOLEN YESTERDAY. POLICE LOOKING FOR THE PERSON, OR PEOPLE WHO STOLE TWO CARS DURING THE STORM. EACH CAR OWNER REPORTEDLY LEFT THE VEHICLE ON... TO WARM IT UP, AND THEN WALKED AWAY. ONE PERSON IS IN CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH A *THIRD CAR THEFT. WE TALKED TO THE VICTIM OF THAT CRIME WHO TOLD US - IT HAPPENED IN SECONDS. ANNAPOLIS POLICE SAY PINEDA'S STORY IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. AND A REMINDER - IT'S *ILLEGAL TO LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING IF IT'S UNATTENDED IN MARYLAND, VIRGINIA AND THE DISTRICT.

1/24 - WJLA - 4:30AM (:55)

MONTHS AFTER A MARYLAND MAN DIED IN POLICE CUSTODY --WE'RE GETTING A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED THE NIGHT HE DIED. ANTON BLACK DIED DURING AN ARREST IN GREENSBORO, ON THE EASTERN SHORE - BACK IN SEPTEMBER. POLICE SHOWED US THE BODY CAM VIDEO FROM THE NIGHT OF BLACK'S DEATH. WHILE WE CAN'T SHOW YOU THE VIDEO -- WE *CAN TELL YOU -- IT SHOWS AN OFFICER SHOOTING A TASER INTO BLACK'S CAR BEFORE THE 19-YEAR-OLD RUNS AWAY. HAD CALLED 9-1-1 - ACCUSING BLACK OF TRYING TO ABDUCT A CHILD. THE VIDEO ENDS WITH A STRUGGLE OUTSIDE BLACK'S HOME -- AND THE FORMER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STAR GOING LIMP. BLACK'S FAMILY DISAGREES. GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN SAID HE IS DISTURBED BY WHAT HAPPENED AND IS DEMANDING GREATER TRANSPARENCY.

2/1 - WJLA - 5PM (:55)

COVERING D-C WHERE TODAY THE MAYOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED THE CITY'S SPENDING SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO TRY AND STOP THE VIOLENCE IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL THE FOCUS IS ON PROVIDING TRAINING AND JOBS TO THE CITY'S AT RISK POPULATION. FOUR MILLION WILL GO TO THE MAYOR'S JOB TRAINING ACADEMY. THE OTHER TWO MILLION GOES TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CURE THE STREETS PROGRAM. THE CITY IS GETTING THE MONEY AS A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS MODELED ON A PROGRAM IN NEW YORK.

2/9 - NC8 - 7AM (:45)

7 on your side fighting back AGAINST CRIME IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON -- DOZENS WALKED THROUGH WARD EIGHT LAST NIGHT - IN PROTEST OF GROWING VIOLENCE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY'RE WORRIED THE NUMBER OF MURDERS IN THE CITY IS UP 62-PERCENT THIS YEAR. CRIMES LIKE THIS ONE - SHOTS FIRED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET IN BROAD DAYLIGHT - CAUSE FOR MAJOR CONCERN AS WELL. COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE AND OTHERS WHO CAME OUT LAST NIGHT IDENTIFIED 77 DIFFERENT STREET CREWS IN WARD 8 ALONE. THEIR GOAL - REACH THEM ALL

2/21 - NC8 - 8AM - (:40)

A MARYLAND DELEGATE WANTS TO LIMIT THE USE OF DNA DATABASES FOR CRIME SOLVING. DELEGATE CHARLES SYDNOR IS PROPOSING A BILL THAT WOULD BAN POLICE FROM ACCESSING INFORMATION ON GENEALOGY WEBSITES. THOSE WEBSITES HAVE BECOME A POPULAR WAY FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN THEIR FAMILY HISTORY. SYDNOR BELIEVES THEIR PRIVACY NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED. HE DOESN'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO USE THEIR DNA TO TRACK DOWN A BIOLOGICAL RELATIVE WHO MAY HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME. OTHERS DISAGREE. THEY SAY BANNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM USING THESE DATABASES WOULD MAKE IT HARDER TO PROVIDE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS.

3/7 -NC - 10PM (:15)

HERE IS THE F-B-I TEN MOST WANTED PAGE RIGHT NOW... THERE IS A MARYLAND-INVOLVED CRIME LISTED. PATEL -- IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCREEN -- IS ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE AT A DUNKIN DONUTS IN HANOVER IN 2015. AT ONE POINT HE WAS THOUGHT TO BE IN NEW JERSEY BUT REMAINS ON THE LOOSE.

3/19 - WJLA - 6PM (:25)

A CRIME ALERT NOW IN THE DISTRICT ANOTHER SHOOTING - CAUGHT ON VIDEO. WATCH - A MAN SEES TWO PEOPLE WALKING DOWN THE STREET - JUMPS OUT - AND OPENS FIRE. BY THE TIME HE JUMPS BACK INTO THE CAR - HE'S FIRED *AT LEAST* EIGHT BULLETS. THIS ALL PLAYING OUT JUST BEFORE NINE o'clock THURSDAY NIGHT... NEAR THE CORNER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR AVENUE AND TALBERT STREET IN SOUTHEAST. BOTH VICTIMS WERE HURT - BUT WILL SURVIVE. AT THIS HOUR - NO ARRESTS.

3/22 - WJLA - 11PM (:25)

A CRIME ALERT TONIGHT, AFTER *ANOTHER* SHOOTOUT CAUGHT ON CAMERA IN THE DISTRICT. THIS ONE - TUESDAY - JUST A BLOCK FROM AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL... WHICH WAS ABOUT TO DISMISS! CAMERAS CATCHING MEN FIRING AT EACH OTHER - AND RUNNING FOR COVER - NEAR THE CORNER OF KENTON AND THIRTEENTH STREETS IN NORTHWEST... AROUND 3 P-M. THAT'S NEAR TUBMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. NO ONE WAS HURT.

POLICE THOUGH - ARE LOOKING FOR THREE ARMED, AND VERY DANGEROUS MEN.

1/1 - NC8 - 10PM (:30)

RUNNING IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE THINGS MANY PEOPLE RESOLVE TO DO MORE OF IN THE NEW YEAR. THIS MORNING D-C MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER JOINED HUNDREDS OF CITY RESIDENTS FOR A FRESH START. MAYOR BOWSER, THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY'S ATTORNEY GENERAL ALL SET TO BE SWORN IN FOR THEIR NEW TERMS TOMORROW.

1/16 - NC8 - 6PM (:18)

MORE BREAKING NEWS. DC MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER - VETOING A BILL THAT WOULD DECRIMINALIZE FARE EVASION ON METRO. LATE LAST YEAR - DC COUNCIL VOTED TO MAKE IT A CIVIL PENALTY. THE MAYOR SAYS METRO ALREADY LOSES AS MUCH AS 50-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BECAUSE OF FARE EVASION. SHE SAYS DECRIMIALIZING IT COULD MAKE THAT NUMBER CLIMB EVEN HIGHER.

1/30 - NC8 - 3PM (:20)

MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN DELIVERED HIS 'STATE OF THE STATE' ADDRESS TODAY AFTER BECOMING ONLY THE 2ND REPUBLICAN EVER RE-ELECTED AS THE FREE STATE'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE. IN THE SPEECH TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOGAN PROPOSED TARGETED TAX CUTS AND TAX CREDITS. HOGAN ALSO CITED WHAT HE CALLED "UNPRECEDENTED AND HISTORIC INVESTMENT" IN IMPROVING THE STATE'S ROADS AND BRIDGES.

2/3 - WJLA - 11PM (:30)

AS THE GOVERNOR'S FUTURE PLAYS OUT AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION... VIRGINIA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CONVENED A RARE SUNDAY MEETING. BUT - IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S SCANDAL. IT'S ABOUT THE STATE'S BUDGET. THOSE LAWMAKERS - FACING A MIDNIGHT DEADLINE - FOR *COMMITTEES* TO FINISH THEIR WORK ON THE BUDGET.

2/14 - WJLA - 4:30AM (:40)

DEVELOPING NOW - A METRO COMMITTEE SET TO VOTE TODAY - ON A MEASURE TO KEEP THE CURRENT RAIL HOURS IN PLACE.

*BUT - LATE NIGHT SERVICE WOULD RESUME IN JULY OF 20-20. THE EARLIER CLOSING TIME STARTED TWO YEARS AGO TO ALLOW WORK TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM. MORE WORK IS STILL NEEDED. METRO IS NOW CONSIDERING RIDESHARE SUBSIDIES FOR LATE NIGHT WORKERS. D.C. COUNCIL AND METRO BOARD MEMBER JACK EVANS SAYS IT'S TIME TO RESTORE THE LATER HOURS. METRO'S FULL BOARD WILL VOTE ON FEBRUARY 28TH. EVANS SAYS THE D.C. DELEGATION ON METRO'S BOARD *CAN... AND *WILL... VETO A PLAN KEEPING THE SHORTENED HOURS.

2/21 - WJLA - 6PM - (:26).

NOW THE CHAOS IN THE COMMONWEALTH... THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS FACING A CALL TO TAKE ACTION ON SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JUSTIN FAIRFAX. LAWYERS FOR DR. VANESSA TYSON SAY THE ASSEMBLY SHOULDN'T ADJOURN TOMORROW AS SCHEDULED -- WITHOUT LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION. TYSON SAYS FAIRFAX ASSAULTED HER IN 2004. IN A STATEMENT -- HER LAWYERS SAID THE ASSEMBLY APPEARS TO LACK THE "POLITICAL COURAGE" TO INVESTIGATE CLAIMS FROM TYSON AND A SECOND WOMAN.

3/5 - WJLA - 9AM (:22)

D.C COUNCIL MEMBER AND WMATA BOARD CHAIR JACK EVANS IS UNDER FIRE FOR ALLEGED ETHICS VIOLATIONS. D.C. COUNCIL CHAIR PHIL MENDELSON SAYS EVANS EMAILED BUSINESS PROPOSALS TO POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS. AND OFFERED THEM HIS INFLUENCE AND CONNECTIONS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. THE WMATA BOARD HAS DIRECTED ITS ETHICS OFFICER TO INVESTIGATE EVANS. WE REACHED OUT TO EVANS. SO FAR, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE.

3/11 - WJLA - 10PM (1:15)

IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST RALLIES IN ANNAPOLIS IN RECENT YEARS. ORGANIZERS SAY THERE WERE AT LEAST EIGHT THOUSAND -FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE THERE CALLING OR FUNDING FOR MARYLAND SCHOOLS. THAT FUNDING WOULD COME FROM A BILL RECENTLY PROPOSED BY LAWMAKERS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ---CALLED THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE BANKING ON IT TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM ACROSS THE STATE. I TALKED TO ONE PARENT FROM BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOLS WHO SAYS THE MONEY IS ALSO NEEDED TO PROVIDE NECESSITIES. THE MARYLAND TEACHER'S UNION IS HOPING FOR 320-MILLION IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO COVER SOME OF THE ISSUES THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED. IN THE NEWSROOM, ANNA-LYSA GAYLE A-B-C 7 NEWS.

3/20 - WJLA - 8AM (:35)

THE LONGEST- SERVING MEMBER OF D-C COUNCIL IS REPRIMANDED BY HIS PEERS. COUNCILMAN JACK EVANS WAS ACCUSED OF USING HIS OFFICIAL EMAIL TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH FIRMS THAT LOBBY THE CITY GOVERNMENT. LAST NIGHT THE COUNCIL VOTED ON EVANS' CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION. EVANS ADMITS HE WAS IN THE WRONG. THIS MOTION WAS MORE THAN JUST A SLAP ON THE WRIST. MEMBERS WILL BE BACK IN TWO WEEKS TO OFFICIALLY REMOVE SEVERAL AREAS OF OVERSIGHT FROM HIS COMMITTEE'S AUTHORTIY. HIS ACTIONS ARE ALSO UNDER FEDERAL INVESTIGATION.

1/7 - WJLA - 4AM (:32)

A D-C UNITED STAR-- ARRESTED AT DULLES AIRPORT! IT HAPPENED BACK IN DECEMBER-- BUT THE NEWS JUST BECOMING PUBLIC TODAY. WAYNE ROONEY - CHARGED WITH PUBLIC SWEARING AND INTOXICATION AFTER HE TRIGGERED A DOOR ALARM AT AN INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS GATE. OFFICIALS SAY HE DID *NOT BREACH AIRPORT SECURITY. A SPOKESPERSON FOR ROONEY SPEAKING OUT-- SAYING HE BECAME DISORIENTED--AFTER MIXING PRESCRIBED SLEEPING PILLS AND ALCOHOL. ROONEY-- BOOKED INTO THE LOUDOUN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER UNTIL HE SOBERED UP. HE HAD TO PAY A 25-DOLLAR FINE, PLUS 91-DOLLARS IN COURT COSTS ON JANUARY 4TH.

1/17 - WJLA - 5PM (:25)

COVERING D-C TONIGHT... WHERE A PHARMACY ROBBERY - WAS CAUGHT ON VIDEO. WATCH - AS A MAN JUMPS A COUNTER - AND THREATENS THE PHARMACIST. THE PHARMACIST - TRIES TO OPEN A SAFE... BUT CAN'T -- BECAUSE IT HAS A TIME-DELAYED LOCK. THE MAN GROWS IMPATIENT - GRABS PILLS- AND RUNS AWAY. THIS ALL HAPPENED AROUND ONE P-M ON SATURDAY... AT A PHARMACY NEAR THE CORNER OF TWELFTH AND NEWTOWN STREETS... IN NORTHEAST. SO FAR - NO SUSPECTS NAMED.

1/28 - WJLA - 5PM (:30)

AN UPDATE NOW ..ON THAT HORRIFIC CRASH - THAT DEVESTATED A FAMILY - IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. WE'RE NOW SEEING FOR THE FIRST TIME - THE DRIVER - ACCUSED OF DRIVING DRUNK - AND KILLING THREE CHILDREN. THOMAS HAWKS - WAS ARRAIGNED THIS MORNING - ON CHARGES OF VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER. POLICE SAY HIS BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS TWICE THE LEGAL LIMIT - WHEN HE SLAMMED INTO THE BACK OF THE "MEJIA" FAMILY'S CAR LAST MONTH ON ROUTE 210.... KILLING FIVE-YEAR-OLD TWINS AND THEIR ONE-YEAR-OLD BROTHER. HAWKS SURRENDERED TO POLICE FRIDAY NIGHT - AFTER BEING INDICTED.

2/13 - NC8 - 6AM (:35)

ONLY ON WJLA 24/SEVEN... A HEROIC RESCUE FROM A FIRE *SO BIG - A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BATTALION CHIEF THOUGHT AN ENTIRE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE. IT WAS ACTUALLY A CAR - AND THAT FIREFIGHTER - DONALD FLETCHER - JUMPED INTO ACTION, RISKING HIS LIFE TO SAVE THE MAN INSIDE. FLETCHER PULLED THAT MAN OUT - DRAGGING HIM TO SAFETY. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE HE WAS HIGH ON DRUGS BECAUSE THAT MAN RAN BACK TO THE CAR WHILE IT WAS ON FIRE - AND TRIED TO LOCK HIMSELF INSIDE. HE'S SAFE THIS MORNING - THANKS TO BATTALION CHIEF FLETCHER.

2/17 - NC8 - 5PM (:20)

COVERING DC TONIGHT... POLICE WARNING ABOUT THE SPREAD OF A PARTICULARLY BAD BATCH OF K-2... ALSO CALLED "SPICE."

OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS POLICE SAY-- 1-HUNDRED 69
PEOPLE HAD TO BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL... AFTER TAKING THE SYNTHETIC DRUG. SYMPTOMS OF RECENT OVERDOSES-- INCLUDE VOMITING, BLEEDING, AND ORGAN DAMAGE. IF YOU SEE ANYONE OVERDOSING-- CALL 911.

2/22 - NC8 - 6AM (:35)

CHECKING TOP STORIES-- GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM -- SIGNING A BILL INTO LAW -- THAT BANS PEOPLE UNDER 21 FROM BUYING TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS. IT EXEMPTS ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE RESTRICTIONS APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO CIGARETTES AND LIQUID NICOTINE USED IN VAPING DEVICES.

3/13 -WJLA - 6PM (:30)

NOW A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH ALERT... A NEW LAW - TAKING EFFECT IN VIRGINIA - IS GIVING SCHOOL NURSES THE POWER TO FIGHT BACK IN THE OPIOID CRISIS. THEY CAN NOW ADMINISTER DOSES - OF THE OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUG "NALOXONE" RIGHT NOW - LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS... LIKE FAIRFAX COUNTY - ARE WORKING ON THE POLICY TO GET THAT LIFE-SAVING DRUGS INTO THE HANDS OF NURSES. A TIMELINE FOR THAT - IS STILL IN THE WORKS

3/15 - WJLA - 9AM (:25)

WELCOME BACK, A "SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE" HEALTH ALERT NOW.

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION -- TRYING TO MAKE IT HARDER... FOR MINORS TO BUY E-CIGARETTES. A RECENTLY RELEASED DRAFT POLICY - WOULD RESTRICT HOW AND *WHERE "FLAVORED E-CIGARETTES" ARE SOLD. FRUITY VAPING PRODUCTS THAT SOME SAY ARE "KID FRIENDLY"... COULD *ONLY BE SOLD IN STORES THAT BAR MINORS -- OR THAT HAVE SEPARATE AREAS FOR *ADULT PRODUCTS. THE GUIDELINES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE STRICTER AGE VERIFICATIONS - FOR ONLINE SALES. THE NEW POLICY STILL HAS TO BE FINALIZED... AFTER A 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD.

3/29 - WJLA - 4AM (:27)

IN JUST A FEW SHORT DECADES, ONLINE SHOPPING HAS CHANGED THE RETAIL INDUSTRY. BUT A NEW STUDY IS SHOWING... MORE PEOPLE ARE LOGGING ONLINE STORES AFTER DRINKING ONE TOO MANY COCKTAILS. TECH AND BUSINESS WEB SITE "THE HUSTLE" CONDUCTED A SURVEY AND FOUND 79 PERCENT OF ITS READERS THAT CONSUME ALCOHOL HAVE MADE AT LEAST ONE INTOXICATED PURCHASE. THE SURVEY ESTIMATES IT'S A 45 BILLION DOLLAR PER YEAR INDUSTRY, WITH THE AVERAGE DRUNK BUYER BLOWING MORE THAN 400 DOLLARS EACH YEAR.

1/4 - NC8 - 11AM (:50)

RESIDENTS IN THE CONGRESS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD IN D-C'S WARD EIGHT WILL SOON HAVE MORE FOOD CHOICES. MAYOR BOWSER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS BROKE GROUND YESTERDAY ON A 200-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX AT SOUTH CAPITOL AND ATLANTIC STREETS. THE COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE A NEW FOOD MARKET... IN AN AREA THAT SOME CALL A FOOD DESERT. THIS WILL GIVE LOW INCOME RESIDENTS EASY ACCESS TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. BUT A-N-C COMMISSIONER OLIVIA HENDERSON IS SKEPTICAL. MAYOR BOWSER ACKNOWLEDGES, THE CITY IS PAYING NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS FOR A GROCERY STORE TO COME TO THE AREA. SHE'S OPTIMISTIC IT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THE STORE IS SET TO OPEN IN THE FALL.

1/7 - WJLA - 5PM (:40)

TODAY -- D-C MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER -- KICKING OFF THE NEW YEAR BY ADDRESSING SOME OF THE ISSUES FACING THE DISTRICT. TOP ISSUE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MAYOR BOWSER ALSO TALKED ABOUT LEGISLATION SHE'S WORKING ON... INCLUDING - BILLS ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

1/21 - NC8 - 7AM (:20)

7 ON YOUR SIDE NOW -- FINDING SEVERAL PEOPLE SPENDING THE NIGHT OUT ON THE STREETS -- DESPITE THE DANGEROUS COLD. THE DISTRICT ACTIVATED ITS COLD EMERGENCY PLAN - MEANING THEY WILL PROVIDE FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR ANYONE LIVING ON THE STREETS, TO AN EMERGENCY SHELTER OR WARMING SITE.D-C OFFICIALS URGE YOU TO CALL THE SHELTER HOTLINE IF YOU SEE ANYONE SLEEPING ON THE STREET.

2/6 - WJLA - 4PM (:25)

MONTHS AFTER THAT MASSIVE FIRE RIPPED THROUGH THE "ARTHUR CAPPER SENIOR APARTMENTS" IN SOUTHEAST. OUR CAMERAS -- BACK AT THE SCENE TODAY -- AS DEMOLITION IS WELL UNDER WAY. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER - BACK IN SEPTEMBER - THAT FIRE BURNED FOR TWO DAYS -- LEAVING NEARLY 100 SENIORS HOMELESS. AND, A 74-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS

FOUND ALIVE FIVE DAYS AFTER THAT FIRE. THE CITY HAS RELOCATED THOSE RESIDENTS TO TEMPORARY HOUSING.

2/11 - WJLA - 4PM (1:06)

A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU HERE ON ABC7 THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE SHARED OVER THE WEEKEND A PAKISTANI IMMIGRANT FEEDING THE HOMELESS AND POOR EVERY SINGLE DAY THROUGH HIS RESTAURANT ON K STREET IN NORTHWEST. KAZI MANNAN SAYS SINCE WE SHARED THE STORY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, HIS RESTAURANT, SAKINA HALAL GRILL, IS OVERWHELMED WITH BUSINESS AND WORLDWIDE ATTENTION. NEW CUSTOMERS JUST FLOCKING TO HIS BUSINESS TO SUPPORT HIS MISSION OF FEEDING DC'S HOMELESS POPULATION.

2/15 - WJLA - 12PM (:20)

LONG-TERM MORTGAGE RATES HAVE FALLEN TO A 12-MONTH LOW. FREDDIE MAC SAYS THE RATE ON A 30-YEAR MORTGAGE DROPPED SLIGHTLY TO FOUR- POINT-37 PERCENT. THE AVERAGE RATE FOR A 15-YEAR MORTGAGE ALSO FELL... TO THREE-POINT-81 PERCENT. INDICATIONS THAT INFLATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH HAVE SLOWED APPEAR TO BE PUSHING MORTGAGE RATES LOWER.

3/8 - NC8 - 3PM (:45)

ALL CHILDREN HAVE AT LEAST ONE THING IN COMMON... THEY LOVE TO PLAY. BUT PLAYTIME CAN BE RARE FOR KIDS AT SOME OF D-C'S HOMELESS SHELTERS. SO, VOLUNTEERS WITH THE "HOMELESS CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME PROJECT" ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THAT BY GOING INTO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY SHELTERS TWO TIMES A WEEK FOR PLAYTIME. THEY SET UP TEMPORARY SPACES -- AND LET THEM JUST BE KIDS. YOU CAN FIND OUR ENTIRE STORY ON WJLA-DOT-COM AND ON ABC 7'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

3/13 - NC8 - 7AM (:25)

THE ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD VOTES THIS SATURDAY ON THE 23-MILLION DOLLAR INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR AMAZON'S NEW HEADQUARTERS. BOARD CHAIR CHRISTIAN DORSEY IS MEETING WITH SEVERAL GROUPS THIS WEEK. AHEAD OF THE VOTE. THE HEADQUARTERS IN CRYSTAL CITY WOULD CREATE MORE THAN 25-

THOUSAND JOBS OVER 12 YEARS. THERE "IS" SOME PUSHBACK. SOME RESIDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT SKYROCKETING HOUSING COSTS. THE COUNTY PLANS TO ROLL OUT A NEW INITIATIVE CALLED "HOUSING ARLINGTON". TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS.

3/20 -NC8 - 6AM (:20)

MAYOR BOWSER ANNOUNCES A 138- MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT WILL INCLUDE ELEVEN NEW PROJECTS... FOR MORE THAN 26-HUNDRED PEOPLE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AFTER PROTESTS DURING MONDAY NIGHT'S "STATE OF THE DISTRICT." INTERRUPTED 3 TIMES OVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING. TODAY THE MAYOR WILL PRESENT HER BUDGET PROPOSAL, WE'LL LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT FOR YOU.

3/20 - NC8 - 7AM (:20)

A BIG DAY BY THE WATERFRONT IN THE DISTRICT SATURDAY... AS MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER KICKED OFF PHASE TWO OF THE WHARF CONSTRUCTION! THE PROJECT'S GOAL -- TO BRING MORE HOUSING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO THE AREA. WITH PHASE TWO-- WILL COME MORE OFFICES... HOTELS... A MARINA... AND SHOPS. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 20-22.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

1/7 - WJLA -4PM (:20)

A BIG CLEAN UP UNDERWAY... AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. CREWS - THROUGHLY CLEANING COLLEGE PARK DORMS. THIS - AFTER DOZENS OF STUDENTS GOT THE ADENOVIRUS DURING THE FIRST SEMESTER. YOU'LL REMEMBER AN 18-YEAR-OLD FRESHMAN DIED FROM VIRUS-RELATED COMPLICATIONS. WHILE STUDENTS ARE STILL ON BREAK, CREWS ARE CLEANING ROOMS AND OTHER FREQUENTLY TOUCHED SURFACES.

1/18 - WJLA - 11PM (:45)

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH HEALTH MATTERS -- AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAMILY IS SHARING THE STORY OF THEIR DAUGHTER -- WHO HAS A RARE, POLIO-LIKE DISEASE.FOUR-YEAR-OLD AVA WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A-F-M -- OR ACUTE FLACCID MYELITIS -- IN OCTOBER. THE DISEASE PARALYZED HER -- AND ONLY RECENTLY, SHE BEGAN TO MOVE HER FINGERS AND TOES. SHE'S BEEN IN A HOSPITAL FOR NEARLY FOUR MONTHS -- RECEIVING SIX HOURS OF THERAPY AND TREATMENT EVERY DAY. IF ALL GOES WELL, AVA WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL NEXT WEEK. HER FAMILY STARTED A GO-FUND-ME PAGE TO COVER HER MEDICAL BILLS, AND TO MODIFY THEIR HOME AND CAR TO ACCOMODATE AVA'S NEEDS.

1/29 - WJLA - 6AM (:20)

IN THE DAY AHEAD... SUPPORTERS OF A DEATH WITH DIGNITY BILL WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN ANNAPOLIS, AFTER MEETING WITH MARYLAND STATE LAWMAKERS. THE BILL WOULD ALLOW MENTALLY CAPABLE, TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS TO GET A PRESRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO PEACEFULLY END THEIR LIVES. SEVEN OTHER STATES... AND D.C... HAVE AUTHORIZED MEDICAL AID IN DYING.

2/1 - NC8 -9PM (:25)

TODAY IS NATIONAL "GO RED FOR WOMEN" DAY. IT'S A PUSH BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN TO STAND TOGETHER AND TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR HEALTH. THE ORGANIZATION SAYS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IS THE LEADING

KILLER OF FEMALES NATIONWIDE. WHILE 90-PERCENT OF WOMEN HAVE ONE OR MORE RISK FACTORS FOR DEVELOPING HEART DISEASE... IT CAN BE TREATED AND PREVENTED WITH LIFESTYLE CHANGES, INCLUDING: MANAGING BLOOD SUGAR AND BLOOD PRESSURE... STAYING ACTIVE... AND EATING HEALTHY.

2/14 - NC8 - 7PM (:25)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT... AND A WARNING FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE DIET SODA. A NEW STUDY SAYS DRINKING TWO OR MORE DIET DRINKS A DAY -- IS LINKED TO A GREATER RISK OF HEART ATTACK, STROKE AND EARLY DEATH IN WOMEN OVER 50. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION. RESEARCHERS SAY THE RISKS ARE HIGHER FOR WOMEN WITH NO HISTORY OF HEART DISEASE OR DIABETES -- AND FOR WOMEN WHO ARE OBESE OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN.

2/22 - NC8 - 10PM (:25)

DO YOU KNOW YOUR NUMBERS? IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT KNOWING HEIGHT AND WEIGHT... DOCTORS SAY THERE ARE *FOUR NUMBERS THAT CAN TELL YOU A LOT ABOUT YOUR HEALTH. HERE ARE THEY ARE: BLOOD PRESSURE. AN IDEAL BLOOD PRESSURE WOULD BE SOMETHING AROUND 120 OVER 80. NEXT, BODY MASS INDEX. THAT'S A NUMBER THAT CAN BE CALCULATED *BASED ON YOUR HEIGHT AND YOUR WEIGHT. THE THIRD SET OF NUMBERS -- KNOW YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL. AND ALWAYS KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CHOLESTEROL.

3/4 - WJLA - 6PM (:15)

MARYLAND TAKING STEPS TO CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF DEADLY FENTANYL OVERDOSES. THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PLANS TO SEND OUT 66-THOUSAND TEST KITS, ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH, BY THE END OF THE MONTH. THE IDEA IS TO GET THEM TO HEROIN USERS... SO THEY CAN TEST FOR THE SYNTHETIC OPIOID.

3/13 - WJLA - 10PM (:45)

A NEW VIRGINIA LAW ALLOWS SCHOOL NURSES TO ADMINISTER THE LIFE-SAVING ANTI-OPIOID DRUG "NALOXONE." UNTIL NOW -- NALOXOLONE COULD ONLY BE GIVEN BY FIRST RESPONDERS.

THE DOSE IS EASY TO ADMINISTER -- SIMILAR TO A NASAL SPRAY - AND CAN REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AN OVERDOSE IN MINUTES. THE NEW LAW DOES NOT *REQUIRE SCHOOL NURSES TO ADMINISTER NALOXONE -- BUT PEOPLE *WE SPOKE TO -- SAID THEY'RE ALL FOR IT. SCHOOL OFFICIALS STILL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW HEALTH OFFICIALS WOULD GET NALOXONE, HOW THEY WOULD BE TRAINED, AND WHAT THE PROGRAM WOULD LOOK LIKE.

3/22 - WJLA - 4PM (:25)

THE FULL MARYLAND SENATE -- SET TO TAKE UP A BILL LEGALIZING MEDICALLY ASSISTED SUICIDE FOR TERMINALLY ILL PEOPLE. TODAY, THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE ADVANCED THE "END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT" BY A VOTE OF EIGHT-TO-THREE. THE COMMITTEE MADE SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE HOUSE-PASSED VERSION. THEY INCLUDE RAISING THE BILL'S AGE REQUIREMENT FROM 18 TO 21 -- REMOVING A PROVISION SHIELDING DOCTORS FROM CIVIL LAWSUITS -- AND ADDING A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION.

1/5 - NC8 -7AM (:25)

A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT ... ORDERING A 12-YEAR-OLD LAWSUIT BETWEEN MARYLAND AND H-B-C-U'S SETTLED THROUGH MEDIATION. THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCUSE MARYLAND OF UNDERFUNDING THEM WHILE AT THE SAME TIME EXPANDING PROGRAMS AT TRADITIONALLY WHITE SCHOOLS. THE APPEALS COURT GAVE THE TWO SIDES UNTIL MAY TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

1/7 - NC8 - 9PM

ONLY ON SEVEN... AN UNEXPECTED DIALOGUE BETWEEN A MAN WHO ORGANIZES LOCAL TOURS HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE FRICAN-AMERICANS HAVE PLAYED IN AMERICAN HISTORY -- AND THE ORGANIZER OF THE 20-17 WHITE NATIONALIST RALLY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE... "DON FOLDEN" AND "JASON KESSLER" FIRST MET DURING A PROTEST AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL TWO YEARS AGO. THE TWO GETTING TOGETHER THIS PAST WEEKEND AND TELLING US --THEY'RE KEEPING THE CONVERSATION GOING.

1/10 - NC8 - 10AM (:40)

NEARLY FOUR YEARS IN PRISON. THAT'S THE SENTENCE FOR DANIEL BORDEN, WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE BEATING OF A BLACK MAN DURING THE 20-17 PROTESTS IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. LAST YEAR BORDEN ENTERED AN ALFORD PLEA FOR A CHARGE OF MALICIOUS WOUNDING. BORDEN AND OTHERS ATTACKED VICTIM DE-ANDRE HARRIS DURING THE "UNITE THE RIGHT" RALLY. BORDEN APOLOGIZED IN COURT FOR HIS ACTIONS, SAYING HE ISN'T A BIGOT AND THAT HE REGRETTED HIS ACTIONS.

2/6 - WJLA - 4PM (:35)

DEVELOPING AT THIS HOUR... VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK HERRING -- THE MAN WHO WOULD BE GOVERNOR SHOULD RALPH NORTHAM AND JUSTIN FAIRFAX RESIGN -- SAYS HE WORE "BROWN MAKEUP" TO A COLLEGE PARTY IN 19-80. IN A STATEMENT RELEASED AFTER MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS -- HERRING APOLOGIZED FOR DRESSING AS A RAPPER WHILE A 19-YEAR-OLD UNDERGRAD. HERRING CALLED

ON GOVERNOR NORTHAM TO RESIGN AFTER A RACIST PHOTO APPEARED ON HIS MEDICAL SCHOOL YEARBOOK PAGE. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JUSTIN FAIRFAX MEANTIME, RELEASING A NEW STATEMENT, AGAIN DENYING A SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION FROM 2004.

2/12 - WJLA - 4PM (:50)

RIGHT NOW -- THE WEST VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN PARTY --DENOUNCING A STATE DELEGATE'S CONTROVERISAL COMMENTS... CONDEMNING THE L-G-B-T COMMUNITY. DELEGATE ERIC PORTERFIELD -FACING CRITICISM FROM ALL SIDES FOR MADE DURING A DEBATE OVER AN ANTI-REMARKS --DISCRIMINATION BILL. HE SAID QUOTE "THE L-G-B-T IS THE MOST SOCIALIST GROUP IN THIS COUNTRY." PORTERFIELD STANDS BY HIS REMARKS... AND EVEN TOOK IT A STEP FURTHER. THE WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY -NOW CALLING ON PORTERFIELD TO RESIGN. THE DELEGATE SAYS HE'S RECEIVED THREATS SINCE HIS COMMENTS WENT PUBLIC.

2/27 - WJLA - 11PM (:30)

VIRGINIA'S FIRST LADY APOLOGIZING AFTER HANDING OUT COTTON TO STUDENTS TOURING THE EXECUTIVE MANSION--INCLUDING TO BLACK CHILDREN-- AS PART OF A LESSON ON SLAVERY. IN A STATEMENT, PAMELA NORTHAM SAID IN PART...

"I believe it does a disservice to Virginians to omit the stories of the enslaved people who lived and worked there... I regret that I have upset anyone." THIS COMES JUST WEEKS AFTER HER HUSBAND, GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM, ADMITTED TO WEARING BLACKFACE IN THE 80'S...AND THERE WERE RACIST PHOTOS IN HIS MEDICAL SCHOOL YEARBOOK.

3/1 - NC8 - 9PM (1:15)

JUST AN ABSOLUTLEY EXPLOSIVE DAY AT THE WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL -- THAT ENDED WITH THE RESIGNATION OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SERGEANT AT ARMS. BUT FIRST LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT HOW IT ALL STARTED... IT WAS GOP DAY INSIDE THE ROTUNDA, AND AN ACTIVIST GROUP REPORTEDLY DISPLAYED AN ANTI-MUSLIM POSTER THAT COMPARED U-S CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR TO A 9/11 TERRORIST. THAT POSTER ANGERED DEMOCRATS WITHIN THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE LEGISLATURE --

AND WHEN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS TO SERGEANT AT ARMS ANNE LIEBERMAN, THEY ALLEGE SHE, IN TURN, MADE A RACIST REMARK. BY THE END OF THE NIGHT, LIEBERMAN HAD SUBMITTED HER LETTER OF RESIGNATION... AND DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE MIKE CAPUTO WAS SO ANGRY OVER THE WHOLE ORDEAL.. HE PHYSICALLY INJURED A DOORKEEPER, WHEN HE TRIED TO PUSH HIS WAY INTO THE CHAMBER.

3/19 - NC8 - 10PM (:40)

THE D-C COUNCIL -- REPRIMANDING ITS LONGEST SERVING MEMBER FOR VIOLATING THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT. JACK EVANS AGAIN APOLOGIZING FOR USING HIS OFFICIAL EMAIL TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH LAW FIRMS THAT LOBBY D-C GOVERNMENT. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO MOVING TO STRIP EVANS OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. HIS ACTIONS ARE ALSO UNDER INVESTIGATION BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY AND THE BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

3/29 - NC8 - 7AM (:22)

REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT POPE FRANCIS IS EXPECTED TO APPOINT ARCHBISHOP WILTON GREGORY OF ATLANTA AS THE NEXT ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON. THE CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY REPORTS THE ANNOUNCEMENT COULD COME AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. HE WOULD REPLACE DONALD WUERL, WHO RESIGNED LAST YEAR. THE APPOINTMENT COULD BE HISTORIC, BECAUSE IT LIKLEY MEANS GREGORY WILL BECOME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN CARDINAL.

1/8 - NC8 - 7AM (:25)

IN THE DAY AHEAD-- IT COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR AN INCONIC AMERICAN RETAILER. ANALAYSTS SAY "SEARS" MAY BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN STORES TODAY IF IT DOESN'T ACCEPT THE ONLY BANKRUPCY BID TO SAVE IT. A HEDGE FUND IS OFFERING TO BUY SEARS FOR 4- POINT -4 BILLION DOLLARS. THE BID WOULD KEEP AROUND 400 STORES OPEN, AND SAVE 50-THOUSANDS JOBS. IF SEARS REFUSES THE BID, IT WILL HAVE TO ASK A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE TO BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN ALL OPERATIONS.

1/18 - NC8 - 8AM (:40)

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR D.C.'S SUMMER YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER KICKED OFF THE PROGRAM YESTERDAY. 10-THOUSAND JOBS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 14-TO-24-YEARS-OLDS. DURING SOME YEARS, THE PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED BAD PUBLICITY FOR VARIOUS MANAGEMENT ISSUES. BUT BOWSER SAYS HER STAFF MEMBERS ARE MAKING SURE THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROGRAM THAT THE LATE MAYOR MARION BARRY CREATED. OVER THE YEARS, THE PROGRAM HAS CREATED ABOUT A HALF-MILLION JOBS.

1/27 - NC8 - 12PM (:45)

THE BIG NEWS IN D-C IS OF COURSE THE GOVERMENT REOPENING. THE PRESIDENT SIGNING A TEMPORARY DEAL TO GET THINGS BACK TO NORMAL, BUT THREATENING TO TAKE ACTION IF A DEAL ON HIS BORDER WALL IS NOT REACHED BY FEBRUARY 15TH. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS NUMBER: FINANCIAL RATING AGENCY-- "STANDARD AND POOR'S" DID A COST ANALYSIS FOR THE SHUTDOWN AND DETERMINED THE CLOSURE COST THE U-S ECONOMY AT LEAST SIX BILLION DOLLARS. DEMOCRATS REFUSING TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BORDER NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME THIS WEEK AND IF THERE WALL. IS NO DEAL IN THREE WEEKS, THE PRESIDENT COULD SHUT DOWN THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN OR DECLARE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

2/1 - WJLA - 5PM (:55)

COVERING D-C WHERE TODAY THE MAYOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED THE CITY'S SPENDING SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO TRY AND STOP THE VIOLENCE IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL THE FOCUS IS ON PROVIDING TRAINING AND JOBS TO THE CITY'S AT RISK POPULATION. FOUR MILLION WILL GO TO THE MAYOR'S JOB TRAINING ACADEMY. THE OTHER TWO MILLION GOES TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CURE THE STREETS PROGRAM. THE CITY IS GETTING THE MONEY AS A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS MODELED ON A PROGRAM IN NEW YORK.

2/14 - WJLA - 5PM (:14)

AND AMAZON DROPPING PLANS TO BUILD PART OF ITS H-Q-TWO IN NEW YORK -- AFTER PUSHBACK FROM SOME LOCAL LAWMAKERS. IT'S STILL BRINGING THE OTHER HALF OF THE PROJECT TO NORTHERN VIRGINIA -- BUT IT'S UNCLEAR TONIGHT IF THAT MEANS THE JOBS MEANT FOR NEW YORK -- WILL NOW COME HERE TOO.

2/22 - WJLA - 4AM (:55)

FOR THE FIRST TIME -- WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT AMAZON'S CANCELED PLANS TO BUILD H-Q-2 IN QUEENS... MEAN FOR US. AMAZON'S WORLDWIDE HEAD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS IN ARLINGTON LAST NIGHT -- FOR A MEETING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS... BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. HOLLY SULLIVAN WAS ASKED WHETHER AMAZON'S FUTURE *HERE... HINGES ON THE 23-MILLION DOLLAR INCENTIVE PACKAGE FROM ARLINGTON. SULLIVAN SAYS AMAZON WILL INVEST TWO- POINT-FIVE BILLION DOLLARS TO SET UP ITS HEADQUARTERS IN CRYSTAL CITY. IT WILL START HIRING THE FIRST OF 25-THOUSAND ARLINGTON -BASED EMPLOYEES OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

3 /4 - NC8 - 4PM (:25

A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MOTORS TO ALL OF ITS BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS FACING LAYOFFS. "YOU WILL HAVE A JOB" GM EXECUTIVES SAY DESPITE THE CLOSING OF PLANTS IN MICHIGAN, OHIO AND MARYLAND WORKERS WILL HAVE A JOB WAITING FOR THEM AT THE COMPANY'S REMAINING FACTORIES. YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO RELOCATE.

THE AUTOMAKER SAYS THE CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO CUT COSTS AND PUT MONEY INTO NEW VEHICLES.

3/14 - NC8 -11AM (:20

THE FIGHT FOR 15 CONTINUES IN MARYLAND. THE STATE SENATE JUST APPROVED A BILL TO RAISE THE HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE FOR MOST WORKERS TO \$15 DOLLARS AN HOUR BY 20-25. THAT'S A MAJOR VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE PUSHED FOR YEARS TO REACH THAT HOURLY RATE. BUT, REOUBLICAN GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN FEARS THE MOVE WOULD HURT FREE STATE BUSINESS AND MAKE THE STATE LESS COMPETITIVE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. A FINAL VOTE IS LIKELY BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

3/27 - NC8 - 10PM (:20)

MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN...USING HIS VETO POWER. HE VETOED THE BILL THAT WOULD'VE LET SCHOOLS START *BEFORE LABOR DAY. THE GOVERNOR - ALSO ISSUING A VETO ON A MEASURE THAT WOULD *RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO 15 DOLLARS AN HOUR. HE SAYS THE MOVE WOULD COST THE STATE JOBS AND, QUOTE: "DEVASTATE" THE ECONOMY. BUT BOTH MEASURES HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT FROM DEMOCRATS TO OVERRIDE HIS VETO.

EDUCATION

1/17 - WJLA - 5PM (:45)

MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN-- WASTING NO TIME WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD. TODAY-- HE ANNOUNCED DETAILS ON THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND HOW HE WANTS TO SPEND THE MORE THAN \$46-BILLION DOLLARS HE'S REQUESTING... AND A LARGE PART OF THAT, HE SAYS-- WILL GO TOWARD EDUCATION. HOGAN ALSO SAYS HE WANTS TO CREATE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL POSITION TO HOLD THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ACCOUNTABLE. THE BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES MONEY FOR prevention and treatment of drug addiction... AND MONEY TOWARD ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES TO THE STATE.

1/24 - WJLA - 11AM (:15)

NEW ACTING D-C SCHOOL CHANCELLOR LEWIS FEREBEE GREETED PARENTS AND STUDENTS AT ANNE BEERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS MORNING. DOCTOR FEREBEE IS MAYOR BOWSER'S CHOICE TO LEAD D-C SCHOOLS. HE COMES FROM INDIANAPOLIS. D-C COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD CONFIRMATION HEARINGS NEXT MONTH.

1/24 - WJLA -6PM (:25)

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY ON THE JOB FOR D-C'S NEW D-C SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. LEWIS FEREBEE GREETED STUDENTS AT ANNE BEERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SOUTHEAST THIS MORNING. HE'S PROMISING GREATER TRANSPARENCY -- AFTER THE PREVIOUS CHANCELLOR WAS OUSTED OVER A GRADE-INFLATION SCANDAL AND QUESTIONS OF WHERE HIS DAUGHTER WENT TO SCHOOL. FEREBEE PREVIOUSLY HEADED THE INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL SYSTEM. HE FACES COUNCIL CONFIRMATION HEARINGS NEXT MONTH.

1/29 - WJLA - 5AM (50

A ONE SEMESTER... ONE CREDIT CLASS... CAUSING QUITE A STIR IN MARYLAND. THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT BELIEVES IT'S NECESSARY TO HELP STUDENTS BECOME MORE RACIALLY SENSITIVE. THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH RACIALLY-CHARGED INCIDENTS SUCH AS NOOSES,

SWASTIKAS, AND HATE SPEAK. SO, THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL NOW BE THE FIRST IN THE STATE TO MAKE A DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CLASS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT THE SCHOOL BOARD HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER WHERE SOME SPOKE IN OPPOSITION OF THE CLASS, BUT IT IS EXPECTED TO PASS WHEN THE BOARD TAKES A FINAL VOTE NEXT WEDNESDAY.

2/9 - NC8 - 4PM (1:02)

NEW INFORMATION ABOUT AN ABC 7 EXCLUSIVE - A HIDDEN RECORDING DEVICE - IN A SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM - AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. IT CAUGHT INSTRUCTORS SAYING DISTURBING THINGS TO FIRST GRADERS. OUR 7 ON YOUR SIDE INVESTIGATION IS NOW GETTING ACTION. THE BERKELEY COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE TOLD US TODAY-- THE RECORDING IS SHOCKING AND DISTURBING. IT POINTS OUT IN WEST VIRGINIA; VERBAL ABUSE OF A CHILD IS NOT AGAINST THE LAW. THE INSTRUCTORS WILL NOT BE CHARGED--*BUT THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR IS NOW URGING THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. WEST VIRGINIA'S CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPENED UP AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE RECORDING.

2/19 NC8 - 7AM (:25)

HAPPENING TODAY -- TEACHERS IN WEST VIRGINIA -- GOING ON STRIKE FOR THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY YEARS. SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED ACROSS THE STATE TODAY -- INCLUDING BERKELEY, JEFFERSON AND MORGAN COUNTIES. LAST YEAR'S WALKOUT LASTED 9 DAYS... WITH TEACHERS GETTING A FIVE PERCENT PAY RAISE. THIS YEAR - TEACHERS ARE PROTESTING A BILL THAT ALLOWS THE CREATION OF SEVERAL CHARTER SCHOOLS... AS WELL AS EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS THAT PARENTS CAN USE FOR HOME- SCHOOLING OR TO SEND KIDS TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

2/26 - NC8 - 8AM (:55)

NEXT TUESDAY, THE FULL D-C COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF DR. LEWIS FEREBEE... AS SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. HE'S NOW THE ACTING CHANCELLOR. SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY THEY'LL BACK HIM. BUT OTHERS ARE STILL UNSURE. COUNCILMAN ROBERT WHITE TWEETING... "MY

CONCERN IS HIS UNSUCCESSFUL RECORD OF CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP WHILE LEADING INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOLS. FORMER CHANCELLOR ANTWAN WILSON RESIGNED LAST YEAR AFTER HE SOUGHT SPECIAL TREATMENT TO ENROLL HIS DAUGHTER IN A TOP HIGH SCHOOL.

3/5 - WJLA -4PM (:15)

TODAY THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED DOCTOR LEWIS FEREBEE AS CHANCELLOR OF D-C- PUBLIC SCHOOLS. FEREBEE HAS BEEN ACTING CHANCELLOR SINCE JANUARY. IN A STATEMENT AFTER HIS CONFIRMATION, FEREBEE SAID HIS GOALS ARE TO 'ACCELERATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND IMPROVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT'.

3/11 - WJLA - 5PM (:20)

ALSO HAPPENING RIGHT NOW - *THOUSANDS* OF TEACHERS ARRIVING ANNAPOLIS - TO DEMAND MORE MONEY FROM SCHOOLS. THESE ARE LIVE PICTURES - FROM SKY-TRAK SEVEN. WE'RE TOLD PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY *ALONE* - SENDING FIFTY BUSES... FILLED WITH TEACHERS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. MARYLAND BUREAU CHIEF BRAD BELL WILL BE AT THAT RALLY - AT THE TOP OF THE HOUR.

3/27 - WJLA - 4PM (:19)

THE DISTRICT TODAY FILING SUIT AGAINST SEVEN ADULTS -ACCUSED OF SENDING THEIR KIDS TO CITY SCHOOLS, EVEN
THOUGH THEY WEREN'T RESIDENTS. A FORMER D-C PUBLIC
SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE AND TWO CURRENT PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ARE AMONG THOSE NAMED IN THAT SUIT.
ATTORNEY GENERAL KARL RACINE SEEKING MORE THAN 700THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNPAID TUITION, DAMAGES AND FINES.

1/1 - NC8 - 7AM (:30)

2018 ENDED WITH THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH HOMICIDE RATE NEARLY DOUBLED. THIRTEEN CHILDREN AND TEENS - KILLED
THIS YEAR. THAT'S COMPARED TO SEVEN, THE TWO PREVIOUS
YEARS. LAST NIGHT IN MEMORY OF THOSE LIVES LOST... THE
"NORTHEAST PERFORMING ARTS GROUP" READ THE NAMES OF
THOSE VICTIMS... AND HELD A CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL, ON
BENNING ROAD. THE DISTRICT'S OVERALL HOMICIDE RATE
JUMPED 38-PERCENT -- TO 160 TOTAL KILLINGS.

1/11 - NC8 - 7AM (:25)

IN HEALTH NEWS-- AMERICANS ARE HAVING FEWER CHILDREN... WHICH COULD PUT FUTURE POPULATION LEVELS AT RISK! THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS. ONE REPORT SAYING THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS WAS SO LOW IN 2017 -- IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO KEEP THE POPULATION LEVELS STEADY. THAT SAME STUDY ALSO FOUND THAT WASHINGTON, DC, HAS THE LOWEST TOTAL FERTILITY RATE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE U.S.

1/31 - NC8 - 10PM (:45)

I'M LINDSEY MASTIS AT THE LIVE DESK. TONIGHT -- A TEACHER IS UNDER ARREST IN THE DISTRICT - ACCUSED OF CHOKING A STUDENT. POLICE SAY SURVEILLENCE VIDEO SHOWS WHAT HAPPENED AT BARNARD ELEMENTARY IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON. "JARVIS MASSENBURG" OF BOWIE, MARYLAND, IS CHARGED WITH SECOND DEGREE CHILD CRUELTY. TONIGHT - THE SCHOOL -- IS RESPONDING. THE PRINCIPAL SENT A LETTER TO PARENTS -- SAYING THE TEACHER WILL REMAIN ON LEAVE DURING THE INVESTIGATION. THE PRINCIPAL SAYS STUDENT SAFETY IS THEIR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY - AND THE SCHOOL HOLDS EDUCATORS TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS. AT THE LIVE DESK -- I'M LINDSEY MASTIS

2/1 - WJLA - 4AM (:30)

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM SAYS THE COMMENTS HE MADE ON LATE TERM ABORTIONS THIS WEEK WERE TAKEN OUT OF

CONTEXT. NORTHAM CREATED A CONTROVERSY FOR SUPPORTING A FAILED BILL THAT WOULD HAVE LOOSENED RESTRICTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO LATE TERM ABORTIONS, REGARDING SEVERE FETAL DEFORMITIES. ASKED ABOUT ANY REGRETS... NORTHAM SAID HE ONLY REGRETS HOW THE COMMENTS WERE QUOTE "MIS-CHARACTERIZED."

2/14 - WJLA - 6AM (:55)

A NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY IS ACCUSING SHENANDOAH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OF A COVER-UP. PARENTS ARE SUING -- CLAIMING THE VIOLENT HISTORY OF A CHILD THEY ENDED UP ADOPTING WAS HIDDEN. IN 2009, GREGORY AND ANNA LONG BEGAN THE ADOPTION PROCESS FOR AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY. IN THE LAWSUIT --- THEY CLAIM THAT... AS A TEEN... THE BOY BEGAN TO ACT OUT SEXUALLY. THE ADOPTED SON -- NOW 18 -- IS IN A JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL CENTER. HE WAS CONVICTED OF FOUR COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED SEXUAL BATTERY IN 2017. THE LONGS LAWSUIT ALLEGES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS TOLD BY ANOTHER FOSTER CARE PARENT THAT THE BOY MOLESTED SOMEONE ELSE PRIOR TO THE LONG'S ADOPTING HIM. THE DIRECTOR SAYS AN INTERNAL REVIEW IS NOW UNDERWAY.

2/20 - WJLA - 4AM (:40)

ONLY ON 7... AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR... A MARYLAND FIREFIGHTER AND NURSE... SURPRISED AS THEIR ADOPTION DREAM COMES TRUE. OVERCOME WITH EMOTION AS FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS MADE THE UNEXPECTED DELIVERY. THEY ALSO BROUGHT AN AMBULANCE... COMPLETELY LOADED WITH ALL THE ESSENTIALS FOR A FAMILY WITH A NEWBORN.

3/8 - WJLA - 4PM (:55)

ALL CHILDREN HAVE AT LEAST ONE THING IN COMMON... THEY LOVE TO PLAY. BUT PLAYTIME CAN BE RARE FOR KIDS AT SOME OF D-C'S HOMELESS SHELTERS. SO VOLUNTEERS WITH THE "HOMELESS CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME PROJECT" ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THAT BY GOING INTO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY SHELTERS TWO TIMES A WEEK FOR PLAYTIME. THEY SET UP TEMPORARY SPACES -- AND LET THEM JUST BE KIDS. YOU CAN FIND OUR

ENTIRE STORY ON WJLA-DOT-COM AND ON THE ABC 7 FACEBOOK PAGE.

3/18 - WJLA- 4PM (:45)

NOW TO A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE UPDATE... NEW CLAIMS OF ASSAULT JUST FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT IN WEST VIRGINIA... IN CONNECTION TO THE SECRET CLASSROOM RECORDING.... THE 7 ON YOUR SIDE I-TEAM BROKE OPEN EALIER THIS YEAR. MOTHERS OF TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS... WHO WERE THE TARGETS OF DISTURBING COMMENTS FROM INSTRUCTORS, ARE NOW ALLEGING IN A NEW LAWSUIT THAT FORMER TEACHER CHRISTINA LESTER AND FORMER AIDES JUNE YURISH AND KRISTIN DOUTY CAN BE HEARD ON THE TAPE SLAPPING and SPANKING THE STUDENTS IN THE CLASS. DOUTY, THE ONLY ONE WE COULD REACH, TOLD US NO THANKS WHEN WE ASKED FOR COMMENT.

AMBER PACK, THE MOTHER WHO CAUGHT THE INSTRUCTORS ON TAPE, IS MAKING A SIMILIAR ASSAULT CLAIM IN HER LAWSUIT SHE FILED LAST MONTH. THE COUNTY'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALREADY RULED THERE WAS NO CRIMINAL WRONG DOING IN THE CASE.

1/11- NC8- 7AM (:25)

MORE MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN IN THE U-S ARE DYING FROM DRUG OVERDOSES. A NEW REPORT IS FROM THE C-D-C. IT SHOWS BETWEEN 1999 AND 2017, THE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATH RATE AMONG WOMEN BETWEEN 30- AND 64-YEARS OLD CLIMBED MORE THAN 260-PERCENT. SOME OF THE DRUGS INVOLVED INCLUDE PRESCRIPTION AND SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS... PART OF THE ONGOING NATIONWIDE EPIDEMIC. OTHER DEATHS INVOLVED ANTIDEPRESSANTS, COCAINE, HEROIN AND drugs like XANAX AND VALIUM.

1/20 - NC8 - 5PM (:25)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS TONIGHT-- IN THE CASE OF AN ELDERLY WOMAN ATTACKED IN THE DISTRICT. POLICE SAY THEY'VE ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE IN CONNECTION TO THAT ATTEMPTED CARJACKING... AND THE SUSPECTS-- TWO *TEENAGERS! THE ATTACK HAPPENING ON EUCLID STREET IN NORTHWEST. THIS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS IT ALL... THE TEENS APPROACH THE 70-YEAR OLD DOG WALKER FROM BEHIND-- AND BEAT HER REPEATEDLY! BOTH TEENS FACE A LIST OF CHARGES, INCLUDING ASSAULT.

2/4 - WJLA - 5PM (:25)

TONIGHT, WE'RE LEARNING AMONG THOSE ATTENDING TOMORROW NIGHT'S ADDRESS - IS HAGERSTOWN RESIDENT LILA JOHNSON. WE INTRODUCED YOU TO THE 71-YEAR-OLD-- WHO MAKES ENDS MEET - WORKING AS A CONTRACTED JANITOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. SHE - AND THOUSANDS MORE WORKERS LIKE HER - SPENT 35 DAYS OFF THE JOB - WITH NO BACKPAY - DURING THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. LILA WILL BE A GUEST - OF MARYLAND SENATOR CHRIS VAN HOLLEN.

2/15 - WJLA - 11PM (:20)

BREAKING TONIGHT IN WALKERSVILLE... TWO PEOPLE ALONG THE SIDE OF A ROAD HIT WHEN ONE CAR CRASHED INTO ANOTHER ON MARYLAND 194. BOTH FLOWN THE HOSPITAL! RIGHT NOW, POLICE AREN'T SAYING WHAT CAUSED THE CRASH-- ONLY THAT A 71-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS DRIVING THE CAR THAT RAN INTO THEM.

2/27 - WJLA - 11AM (:24)

THE SUPREME COURT IS HEARING ARGUMENTS TODAY ON THE PEACE CROSS MEMORIAL IN BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND. THE 93-YEAR-OLD WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL IS ON PUBLIC LAND. SOME ARGUE... THAT VIOLATES THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. OPPONENTS WANT THE MEMORIAL MOVED OR RESHAPED INTO AN OBELISK. THE MEMORIAL'S SUPPORTERS SAY IT WAS ERECTED SOLELY TO HONOR THOSE KILLED IN WORLD WAR ONE... AND THEY SAY DESPITE ITS SHAPE, IT'S SECULAR IN NATURE.

3/10 - WJLA - 11PM (:40)

A DEVASTATING END TO A POLICE PURSUIT... AN 87-YEAR OLD WOMAN KILLED AFTER A MAN *WANTED BY POLICE... CRASHES INTO *HER CAR DURING A CHASE! NOW, THOSE CLOSE TO THE SUSPECT, AND NEIGHBORS WHO WITNESSED THE CHASE -- WONDERING WHY IT HAD END THIS WAY... AND ASKING FOR POLICE TO CHANGE HOW THEY HANDLE PURSUITS!